

# New Jersey Office of Recreation

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James E. McGreevey, Governor  
State of New Jersey



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The **State Office of Recreation** was established to promote and encourage the expansion and development of statewide and local recreational programs. The Office serves as a resource to governmental and other agencies in fostering, building and growing recreation programs.

The State Office of Recreation, which falls under the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources, provides a number of programs to facilitate this goal:

## ■ **Certification Program for Recreation Administrators and Recreation Supervisors**

The New Jersey Board of Recreation Examiners certifies municipal, county, and therapeutic recreation professionals in New Jersey. Qualified individuals can receive certification as recreation administrators or recreation supervisors upon meeting the eligibility requirements and passing an examination.

## ■ **Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program**

The Department provides funding for governmental entities to develop or expand recreational programs for individuals with disabilities within their communities.

## ■ **Athletics for Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program**

State funds are provided to the Association of Blind Athletes, NJ Tournament of Champions, Special Olympics NJ, and Wheelchair Sports Council of NJ for statewide sports training and competition for individuals with disabilities. Olympics NJ, and Wheelchair Sports Council of NJ.

## ■ **Community Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities**

The Department is an advocate for inclusive recreation for individuals with disabilities. We produce resource directories and quarterly newsletters for information pertaining to community recreation for individuals with disabilities.

## ■ **New Jersey Commission on Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities**

The Commission, which is also under the auspices of the Department of Community Affairs, advocates for recreation for individuals with disabilities. The Commission co-sponsors the Governor's Conference on Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities in conjunction with the State Office of Recreation and Governor James E. McGreevey.

## ■ **Recreation Technical Assistance**

Technical Assistance is provided to municipalities, counties, nonprofit agencies, and individuals for various recreation issues, including recreation facilities standards, Barrier-Free Subcode on Recreation, child care standards, youth camp standards, public swimming regulations, and state laws and regulations on recreation.

### **Playgrounds Safety:**

We can offer technical assistance on the US Consumer Product Safety Commission Standards for Public Playgrounds, ADA playground accessibility guidelines, the NJ Playground Subcode, and the playground equipment section of the NJ Barrier-Free Subcode.

### **Coaches Liability:**

Technical assistance can also be provided for those involved in coaching in their communities. This includes assistance with the Little League Law, the Volunteer Coaches' Safety Orientation and Training Skills Programs Minimum Standards, the Code of Conduct Law, and the Violent Fan Law.

## ■ **Recreation Listserv**

The New Jersey Recreation Listserv is an opportunity for you to network on recreation issues via e-mail. You can ask questions and get answers to hot recreation topics affecting your organization and those you serve.

### **Benefits of Joining the Listserv**

- Get answers to your recreation questions from peers and experts
- Get general recreation information
- Anyone can join
- It's free

### **How to Join**

- To join the Listserv, send a message to: [owner-state-recreation@listserv.state.nj.us](mailto:owner-state-recreation@listserv.state.nj.us) with "Joining" in the subject line.
- To distribute information to the Listserv, contact the Listserv manager with the information you want distributed by sending an email to: [owner-state-recreation@listserv.state.nj.us](mailto:owner-state-recreation@listserv.state.nj.us).